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**MARRIAGE.**

On the 5th inst., at St. Stephen's, Shepherd's-bush, by the father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Collett, incumbent, EDWARD GEORGE, second son of the Rev. M. J. MAYERS, rector of St. Peter's, Winchester, to EMMA ANNE, 2nd daughter of the late RICHARD ALLEN, of Denford Park, Esq. No cards.

**THE CHINA MAIL.**  
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1868.

## THE CHINESE AND THE GAMBLING LICENCES.

WE have gleaned from reliable sources some particulars of the interview recently accorded to certain Chinese res-

dents by His Excellency the Governor, and we can scarcely do better than direct public attention to the general tenor of the remarks made. The deputation—for so we will term it for the sake of convenience—

nience—consisted of the head of the native firm of Ho A-tick & Co. and the Compradores of Messrs Gibb, Livingstone & Co., Douglas Lapraik & Co., Augustin Heard & Co., and of the Chartered Mercantile bank. They fairly represented

the general intelligence of the native class whose interests are injured by the existing regulations in favour of gambling, and the first-named acted as spokesman. The interview was not ostensibly for the purpose

pose of discussing the gambling ordinance but it was mentioned in the course of conversation and elicited a decided expression of opinion in its dis-favour. In connection with the opinions expressed

we would refer to the feeling entertained by respectable Chinese when brought face to face with Government officials; and we are able in this case not merely to allude to it in general terms, but to assert that

despite any encouragement given to the deputation to speak their minds, they did on this occasion refrain from saying much, that they desired to bring forward from a sense of respect to him whom they

addressed. It is impossible to arrive at the real opinions of the Chinese by inviting them to any personal interviews with the Governor or Colonial Secretary. This is openly avowed by the Chinese themselves, and it becomes the

additionally necessary that when, as  
the present occasion, it lies in our power  
to express more fully the real views  
the respectable native classes, we should  
make the most of the opportunity.

It is estimated by influential Chinese that, taking the whole well-to-do native population, the proportion entirely opposed to legalizing gambling is 80 per cent and this does not appear to overstep the actual fact of the case. It is said, v

cannot tell with what exact truth, though the principal proprietors of the Gambling Farm Company are Cantonese, there are many householders and cowpradores more or less interested in the shares; and they of course could not be expected to speak against a system which

puts so much money into their pocket. It is at all events but this class, be large or small, and that section of the natives who although respectably well off have no great stake in the prosperity of the Colony, who are favourable to the license system, to which four-fifths of the

During the late interview the Governor, we understand, asked whether the decrease of robberies, and the disappearance of so many bad characters from the Colony could not fairly be credited to the establishment of licensed houses?

this the Chinese, (according to their own

THE following read the *London and C* March form an apt cle of Tuesday last tution of the Legis Colony :—

In respect of their Ceylon, and Hong Kong similar disadvantages former was explained ness in the House Gort, the number very temperate being exaggerated at he said, whether governed by Downing Adley's reason for majority in the Legislature if the number were to exercise would thus be placed tion. We entirely d in a worse position the vernor is surely responsibility, and t be exercised in virtue thus openly, and in the power he now vassalistic but not submissive but unwilling he says to his Council is a measure which will be a Parity with that is of no consequence you hold government will be dismissed if Can a more invidious imagined?

A very similar state Hongkong. Its Legationally as complete a for although the

There is not, numerically, anything so overwhelming, it is equally true, indeed, that credit is due to the defection of two of the Acting Governor's cabinet. The enjoyment of a man of this class upon he commences his career, fears to the Home Government was prompt and decisive. No man, any member of the cabinet, receipt of a salary far in excess under all circumstances, and to be ment by his vote, and to be found it impossible to do so. He of conduct with his eyes, and he will not hesitate to do so. Moreover, I think it is to learn that in each of these member acting contrary to these instructions, to the time being had suggested, from the exercise of the pending further instigation. Here is a humiliating English gentleman to be led with the prefix "Lord" led to vote against the Can anything be more

We trust that the has not yet heard the government, and that will be promptly by This Legislative Council. It has long been a source of frustration in the colony. The Hongkong memorandum therefore to the Hongkong Association measures they can do for the welfare of the colony. It is a very successful some measure of reform local government.

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SUMMARY JURIS

There were no cast-  
portance in this con-  
one of any public  
being the long-pen-  
Wahee & Co., sug-  
against the Captain  
*Kid-Riding Hood*; w  
until to-morrow.

WE regret to have to  
of another Chinese  
with liabilities amount  
and assets unknown,  
like those of the last fa-  
sely small. Thus ver-  
creditors commissions  
merchants may be ei-  
ed in the little sum of  
Europeans is, like that  
dead hulk, a dead loss  
dead loss, because som-  
must have profited by  
tion which it is puerile  
which it would be ex-  
get answered.—*Strait*

WE understand that n

[illegible]

The two composite screw steamers of Messrs Denny, Brothers & Co., Ltd., of the Viceroy of Canton, have just launched, fully complete with engines and boilers on board, and necessary trial trips to Hongkong, disconnected, and they will be under canvas to their destination, when they will soon render a valuable service to some of the pirate coast. We cannot see how they can do most praiseworthy way to the Viceroy in any stage of the voyage. The Government from the Viceroy of Canton, the vessels specially provided for the protection of British commerce. —L. and C. Express.

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